

INVESTIGATION OF THE WAR

Surgeon Taylor Tells of Delay in Securing Supplies.

MAY REQUISITIONS JUST NOW FILLED

Post Chaplain Nave Says that the Effects of Sick Soldiers in the Hospitals Are Stolen.

Atlanta, Ga., October 21.—The war investigating commission arrived here at 10 o'clock today, and after calling on General Pennington, in command of the department, proceeded to Fort McPherson. The only work to be done here is in connection with the hospital and it contained at one time during the past summer almost a thousand patients, most of them coming from Tampa and other Florida camps.

The commission has received but one complaint concerning the conduct of the hospital. One or two days will be spent at Anniston, Ala., after which the commission will proceed to Huntsville and Chattanooga.

The commission devoted the portion of the forenoon after its arrival to an inspection of the hospital at Fort McPherson. The members separated into parties of two each for the purpose of visiting the various divisions of the institution. They encountered no complaint from the sick men. They found the men in the mess room abundantly supplied with food and all necessities of life. The hospital was in good order, and the medical staff was efficient. The commission will remain here until the 25th of October, when it will proceed to Huntsville and Chattanooga.

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SUMMARY OF TODAY'S IMPORTANT NEWS.

WAR AFTERMATH.

After seven joint sessions, the Paris peace commissioners have made little progress. Americans still refuse to take over the Cuban debt.

Evacuation of Cuba will be delayed on account of Spain's inability to secure sufficient transportation facilities.

Major Blair Taylor, in charge of the hospital at Fort McPherson, testified before the war investigating commission that he had experienced great delay in getting supplies. Chaplain Nave said that while the sick soldiers were looked after, their effects were stolen.

The London speaker says the United States should not assume the Cuban debt. General Wood has promulgated a brief code of laws for the government of Santiago.

The Spaniards are working a fake news service on the world in order to secure better terms of peace.

Senators Moret and Sagasta have parted, the estrangement being due to political jealousy.

France and Britain are very near hostilities according to Paris reports from London say that the prospects for war are remote, but that Britain will not recede.

Chile and Argentina have agreed on a method of settling the boundary dispute. Major Marchand's report has been received at Paris, but it makes no mention of General Kitchener's arrival at Fashoda.

A Nantes dispatch says four infantry battalions have completed their war equipment and are ready for coast defense work.

While England does not expect a war ever, Fashoda, she will brook no delay in its being evaluated by France.

Count Ferruccio Macchia of Italy gets thirteen months for killing the poet Cavalcanti in a duel.

The Transvaal is at war with the Makoto tribe on account of the murder of a missionary.

The Episcopal church preparing to send missionaries and establish churches in the territory acquired by the United States.

Memphis has raised her quarantine against all points and is now wide open to the world. Mississippi quarantine raised, but refugees notified that they will return at their own risk, which is small.

Charles W. Wood of Des Moines, Iowa, wins the Helms Meade handball shot.

Heater places the world's visible at 2,307,331 bales, against 2,169,322 last year.

The total last night September 1 is 2,342,191 bales, against 2,495,723 last season.

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TEXAS POLITICS.

Mr. Kieberg advances several good reasons for the retirement of the republicans.

Mr. Hogg says Sayers will get the biggest majority ever given a governor of Texas.

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SPAIN MUCH DISAPPOINTED.

Strategy and Diplomacy of Her Statesmen Without Avail.

THE UNITED STATES ARE UNBENDING.

Spain Must Assume at Least Seven-Eighths of Cuba's Big Debt—Philippine Issue in Doubt.

London, October 21.—The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says: The displeasure and disappointment felt in official circles at the failure of the skillful strategy of Senor Moret, concerted with Senor Sagasta and Duke Almodovar de Rio, to minimize the consequences of the war are keen and profound. Senor Moret foresaw that all depended upon inducing the American commissioners even implicitly to admit the Spanish views of the protocol. He used the incidents of the evacuation commissions in Cuba and Porto Rico to sound the opinions of the Americans and he tried to ascertain their views regarding the Philippines by renewing the Spanish protest against America's veto of Spain's proposal to send war vessels to reinforce the Spanish commanders holding out at various ports and by asking for the liberation of Aguinaldo's prisoners.

Then both the commissioners offered suggestions as to the definitive trade. Senor Moret drew up a strong case in reply to the American proposals. The American commissioners, perceiving what Spain was driving at, distinctly and courteously put it upon record that President McKinley had only consented to suspend hostilities after Spain had solemnly accepted the basis for a peace treaty clearly laid down in the protocol in order to avoid misunderstanding. Outlining the discussions regarding sovereignty in Cuba, the correspondent says:

The American commissioners made the point that they had not insisted on indemnities to Americans for damages by the war and that the Spaniards were assured of protection in Cuba during the protectorate that would last until a parliament and government were established which might negotiate with Spain concerning the debt.

When Senor Moret asked for delay in order to prove that much of the Cuban debt was contracted before 1895 and devoted to public works in Cuba, the Americans invoked decrees to show that the stocks issued from 1887 to 1890 were exclusively to cover war expenditures.

Spain is fighting hard because future bonds and her finances generally depend upon being relieved of much of the possible Cuban burden. It is an unpleasant prospect to be compelled to tell the world that Spain has undertaken the interest and amortization of seven-eighths of a debt of £20,000,000, and of £100,000,000 spent in fighting rebellions and the United States.

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But the government is most anxious beyond the Americans have not shown their hand regarding the Philippines. The foreign office has grounds for supposing that the United States will not follow Admiral Dewey's cautious advice and the opinions of high naval authorities in America who are averse to meddling with the Philippines beyond naval stations for military, financial and international relations. So that the terms that Spain would be glad to give to the Philippines, concerning religious toleration, and agreeing not to sell land giving the United States opportunity to bid would indicate that somehow Spain once more means to expect communal assistance.

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THE QUARANTINE IS RAISED

Restrictions Removed by the Mississippi Health Board.

THE REFUGEES ARE GIVEN WARNING.

Still Danger of Contracting the Disease—Memphis is Wide Open—Record of New Cases and Deaths.

Jackson, Miss., October 21.—The State board of health this evening issued the following quarantine restrictions: Health, Jackson, Miss., October 21, 1898, 6 p. m.—Whereas, the official report of the last few days shows a marked decrease in the number of cases of yellow fever in the State of Mississippi which fact is considered sufficient evidence that the weather conditions are not favorable to the further general spread of the disease, the quarantine having reached as low as 35.1 degrees for the central portion of the State, therefore be it ordered by the executive committee of the Mississippi State board of health that all quarantine restrictions on passenger and freight traffic be and the same are hereby removed.

Be it further ordered that all parties are prohibited from going from infected houses until they have been thoroughly disinfected and released by the State health officer in charge of the various infected points. The State health officers are hereby charged with seeing this order properly executed. In raising the quarantine the board of health desires to warn the public that there is still danger of contracting the disease and all persons returning to infected points must assume the risk which with proper precautions we believe to be comparatively small.

The official report of the board of the fever situation today is as follows: Jackson, 7 new cases, 1 death; Vicksburg, 1 new case, 1 death; Franklinton, 1 new case, 1 death; Oxford, no new cases; Hattiesburg, no new cases; 1 death; Hattiesburg, 2 new cases; Yazoo City, no new cases; Crystal Springs, 1 new case, infected new district.

There is and there isn't. Conflicting Reports About Yellow Fever in Monterey, Mexico.

Washington, October 21.—Reports having reached the marine hospital service of the presence of yellow fever at Monterey, Mexico, the bureau today wired the American consul general at that point for information. The following reply was received to-night:

Monterey, Mex., October 21, 1898.—Dr. Croes, a reputable physician, experienced in yellow fever, says yes, yellow fever is here. John K. Pollard, Consul General.

Memphis Now Wide Open. Memphis, Tenn., October 21.—The board of health today raised the quarantine and Memphis is now open to all points. Cold weather has prevailed for several days and the board regards all danger from yellow fever as past. The Memphis quarantine was inaugurated more than six weeks ago and was the most rigid in the history of the South, no one being allowed to enter the city from any part of the world.

The Louisiana Report. New Orleans, October 21.—The State board of health report for the day was no new cases and one death in New Orleans and one new case at Wilcox. No reports were received from other points. President Johnson notified the government authorities that immigrants will now be admitted to the State.

THE PRECIOUS METALS. Amounts of Gold and Silver Mined During the Year 1897.

Washington, October 21.—The director of the mint in his report upon the production of precious metals during the calendar year of 1897, just submitted to the secretary of the treasury, deals not only with the production of gold and silver in the United States, but in foreign countries as well and draws a comparison between the production of the leading producing countries of the world. The sources from which information has been derived are the most authentic and reliable and the figures are as nearly accurate as it is possible to obtain.

The value of the gold produced during the calendar year of 1897 was \$7,333,000. The South African republics held first place, producing gold to the value of \$3,748,801; Australia, \$2,508,137; and Russia, \$2,245,735. The United States produced during the year 53,899,590 fine ounces of silver and Mexico 53,899,590 fine ounces, a decrease for the United States of 4,974,809 fine ounces and an increase for Mexico of 2,266,755 fine ounces.

An exhaustive table submitted by the director of the mint dealing with the production of the leading producing countries of the world for the calendar year 1897 shows that the United States brought to the surface a total of 2,774,735 fine ounces of gold valued at \$7,333,000 and 53,899,590 fine ounces of silver valued at \$3,748,801.

The entire world produced gold valued at \$22,564,800 and 183,096 fine ounces of silver with a value of \$2,245,735. Mexico produced 53,899,590 fine ounces of gold and 53,899,590 fine ounces of silver with a value of \$3,748,801.

The world's production of silver is this shown to be largely in excess of any previous year.

The United States coined was gold \$18,000,000 and silver \$3,457,297. The world's coinage during the year, including recouplings, was gold \$47,718,242; silver \$142,380,588, or a total of \$550,099,530.

At the average price of silver for the year the bullion value of the silver was \$1,067.

Stanton Stiftings. Sinton, Texas, October 20.—E. S. Durr, agent for Parlin & Grandco of San Antonio, was here giving practical illustrations of the workings of the disintegrating plow and as a result disposed of three.

E. H. R. Green passed by last night in his special car en route to Rockport from where he will go by boat to St. Joseph's Island to inspect the new club house now in course of erection.

Sheriff Odom went to Portland Tuesday night.

Terrell Toulas. Terrell, Texas, October 20.—A very heavy hail fell in the city and surrounding country last night. The vivid lightning lasted hours after the hail and rain had gone south.

Grand Master G. O. Grether of Paris is to pay an official visit to Terrell lodge, I. O. O. F., Monday night, at the regular meeting of the lodge.

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Paine's Celery Compound Makes People Well.

The one true specific for diseases arising from a debilitated nervous system is Paine's celery compound, so generally prescribed by physicians. It is probably the most remarkable remedy that the scientific research of this country has produced. Prof. Edward E. Phelps, M. D., of Dartmouth college first prescribed what is now known the world over as Paine's celery compound, a positive cure for dyspepsia, biliousness, liver complaint, neuralgia, rheumatism, all cases, nervous, hysterical, and nervous diseases and kidney troubles. Paine's celery compound has succeeded again and again where everything else has failed.

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Armstrong, address. Mrs. Goodman, Hillbrook, report on unfortunates with contest. Mrs. Miller, report on unfortunates; election of officers for evening meeting; by Mrs. J. N. Porter of Hillbrook.

Hearne Locals. Hearne, Texas, October 20.—Mr. J. J. Astin of Bryan was in the city yesterday en route to Mumford.

Wharton Locals. Wharton, Texas, October 20.—District court is now in session, Judge W. C. O'Conner, acting as district judge. The grand jury and petit jury for the week last completed the work fairly bright.

Victoria Locals. Victoria, Texas, October 21.—The Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone company has been receiving and distributing a large quantity of poles and other materials to be used in the extension of their line from Victoria to Beeville.

Bryan Locals. Bryan, Texas, October 21.—The Baptist church in this city next Sunday will have a special service. A home fronted by "high life" moved into a grocery store last yesterday noon and about were Mrs. J. J. Astin and a number of other cases and did considerable other damage.